

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-18 and 27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claim 19 has been amended, and claims 28-33 have been added. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 19-26 and 28-33 are pending and under consideration.

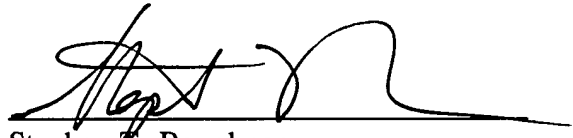
CONCLUSION:

If the Examiner has any remaining informalities to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such informalities.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,
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